

In The United States Court of Federal Claims

Nos. 07-06T, 07-706T, 08-135T, & 08-605T

(Filed: December 22, 2011)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

ORDER

On November 26, 2011, defendant filed a motion for a protective order prohibiting plaintiffs from deposing IRS officials regarding the imposition of accuracy-related penalties on plaintiffs. Plaintiffs filed their opposition to this motion on October 17, 2011, and defendant replied on October 25, 2011. Defendant's motion for a protective order barring plaintiffs' RCFC 30(b)(6) deposition is hereby **GRANTED**. An opinion explaining the basis for this ruling will follow.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Francis M. Allegra

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Judge